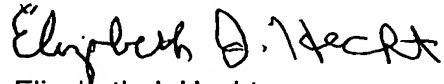


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/011621 into the U.S. National Phase of prosecution. An Abstract on a separate sheet is attached as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b). The Applicants herein amend Claims 2-12, 14-24, and 26-29 to bring the claims into proper U.S. format. The Applicants herein cancel Claims 30-35 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new Claims 36-42. These new and amended claims find support in the as-filed specification. Therefore, none of these amendments introduce any issues of new matter. Entry of this amendment into the record is requested.

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